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Comment:
Ms.Smyre,

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I fully support the immediate the in kind, in-place replacement of the Herbert Bonner Bridge (the "Short Bridge" plan). I support the elevated roadway as long as access to the beach and sound is not limited further than current alignment allows.

I see no information, other than biased opinions of the non-governmental environmentalist groups (NGEG's) of environmental impact greater than potential for the disastrous economic impact to the Residents and Businesses of Hatteras Island if a in-kind, in-place replacement is not performed at the earliest opportunity. I fully disagree with the non-governmental environmentalist groups (NGEG's) position on this issue. It is clear, that along with the horrendous NPS consent decree that the NGEG's are attempting to use threat of legal action to eliminate human activity on Hatteras Island.

I and my family make 3 to 5 trips to Hatteras Island annually. I wonder about the condition of the bridge on every trip. I respectfully request that all efforts to expedite this replacement be made.

We want to visit and contribute to the local economy, but we want to do it safely.

 Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

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Additional citizen comment...

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I am on the mailing list for Bonner Bridge Update but received the October issue too late to send comment by US Mail. Please accept these comments by today's deadline. Thanks.

As a taxpayer for Dare County, North Carolina and the United States, I oppose the N.C. Department of Transportation's reversal of its preferred alternative to replace the Bonner Bridge with the "Parallel Bridge Corridor" version. As has already been shown, this alternative is more expensive, less safe and more environmentally damaging than the "Long Bridge" alternative that was favored formally by NCDOT along with 11 other state and federal agencies in 2003.

The "Parallel Bridge Corridor" bridge and attending causeway structures will result in the following problems not likely to occur with the Long Bridge:

- Far greater effects of storm damage at Oregon Inlet
- Much shorter life span
- Expensive maintenance and repair
- Destroy more than 30 acres of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge
- Require far more expense of taxpayer money

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